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TEXAS
Labor Market Review

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UNEMPLOYMENT DECLINES SUBSTANTIALLY

The actual unemployment rate for Texas dropped from 8.5 percent in September to 7.4 percent in mid-October -- its lowest level since January 1986, just before oil prices nose-dived. Total unemployment in the actual series declined by 99,100 over the month, from 717,300 to 618,200; while total employment rose from 7,712,600 to 7,791,200 in October. Although the sizeable decrease in joblessness is encouraging, it should be viewed with cautious optimism since some sectors of the State's economy are still performing below average.

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES
(In Thousands)

	Oct. 1987	Sep. 1987	Oct. 1986
United States (Actual)			
Labor Force	120,743.0	119,884.0	118,699.0
Unemployment	6,845.0	6,857.0	7,842.0
Percent Unemployed	5.7	5.7	6.6
Total Employment	113,898.0	113,027.0	110,857.0
United States (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	120,361.0	119,861.0	118,414.0
Unemployment	7,174.0	7,089.0	8,222.0
Percent Unemployed	6.0	5.9	6.9
Total Employment	113,187.0	112,772.0	110,192.0
State of Texas (Actual)			
Labor Force	8,409.4	8,429.9	8,294.8
Unemployment	618.2	717.3	739.6
Percent Unemployed	7.4	8.5	8.9
Total Employment	7,791.2	7,712.6	7,555.2
State of Texas (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	8,390.0	8,401.0	8,288.0
Unemployment	653.0	716.0	782.0
Percent Unemployed	7.8	8.5	9.4
Total Employment	7,737.0	7,685.0	7,506.0

The Texas seasonally adjusted unemployment rate also recorded a sizeable decline in October, dropping from 8.5 percent to 7.8 percent over the month. Rates for the Nation in both series were virtually unchanged from September to October, as the actual rate remained at 5.7 percent and the seasonally adjusted U. S. rate inched upward from 5.9 percent to 6.0 percent. The rates for Texas, even though they declined over the month, remained substantially above the National averages in both series.

NUMBER OF NONFARM SALARIED JOBS ADVANCES

Statewide nonagricultural wage and salary employment rose by 41,100 in October, due primarily to seasonal hiring within education. About 70 percent of the over-the-month increase was due to the completion of staffing for local and state schools and universities. Most of the other major industry sectors recorded only moderate changes in October.

Government benefitted the most from the hiring of school personnel, such as cafeteria and janitorial workers, as the local sector gained 20,700 jobs and state government added an additional 8,600 positions. Employment in federal agencies declined slightly over the month, leaving government as a whole up 28,800 in October.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT 1/
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	Oct.'87*	Sep.'87**	Oct.'86**	Oct.'87*	Sep.'87**	Oct.'86**	Oct.'87*	Sep.'87**	Oct.'86**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
TOTAL	50,500	50,300	49,900	78,500	78,700	78,200	359,500	358,700	362,800
Manufacturing	4,800	4,800	4,900	9,600	9,800	9,600	39,800	39,800	40,200
Mining	2,200	2,200	2,200	1,200	1,200	1,300	900	900	1,000
Construction	2,300	2,300	2,400	4,300	4,400	4,200	19,100	19,300	22,700
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,600	2,500	2,500	5,600	5,600	6,000	11,000	11,100	11,100
Trade	14,200	14,200	13,900	23,600	23,600	23,200	79,600	79,800	81,500
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,500	2,600	2,600	4,200	4,300	4,300	25,000	25,000	25,700
Services & Misc.	13,400	13,400	13,200	16,300	16,500	16,400	84,300	84,500	83,500
Government	8,500	8,300	8,200	13,700	13,300	13,200	99,800	98,300	97,100
	BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR			BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN		
TOTAL	127,900	127,700	129,600	57,600	57,000	57,200	64,800	65,100	65,200
Manufacturing	24,000	23,900	25,200	15,100	15,100	15,600	9,700	9,900	9,300
Mining	1,700	1,600	1,500	1,300	1,300	1,300	--	--	--
Construction	7,400	7,300	7,400	5,800	5,700	5,800	2,500	2,700	2,700
Trans., Comm., & Util.	9,300	9,500	9,800	2,200	2,200	2,200	3,000	3,000	3,200
Trade	31,500	31,500	32,000	11,000	11,100	11,100	17,300	17,400	17,800
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	5,500	5,500	5,700	2,100	2,100	2,000	3,300	3,400	3,300
Services & Misc.	28,300	28,400	27,900	8,300	8,100	7,800	14,000	13,900	13,500
Government	20,200	20,000	20,100	11,800	11,400	11,400	15,000	14,800	15,400
	-BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS 2/		
TOTAL	49,200	47,100	48,600	127,100	126,800	128,700	1,308.1	1,305.9	1,339.0
Manufacturing	3,000	3,000	2,900	11,500	11,400	12,000	222.9	223.3	226.0
Mining	900	900	800	5,300	5,400	6,400	18.8	18.8	19.4
Construction	2,200	2,100	2,100	7,300	7,300	8,400	60.4	61.5	77.3
Trans., Comm., & Util.	1,500	1,600	1,600	7,100	7,100	7,100	87.4	87.2	86.6
Trade	10,900	10,800	11,300	33,900	34,000	33,900	351.6	350.3	358.3
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,700	1,700	1,700	6,700	6,800	6,800	129.5	129.7	133.6
Services & Misc.	7,900	7,900	7,900	27,400	27,500	26,800	290.1	289.6	289.7
Government	21,100	19,100	20,300	27,900	27,300	27,300	147.4	145.5	148.1
	EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY		
TOTAL	185,700	187,400	185,100	520,700	519,200	511,700	69,300	70,600	69,800
Manufacturing	35,900	37,100	35,800	117,900	116,500	114,500	9,000	9,000	8,900
Mining	--	--	--	3,300	3,400	3,400	400	400	500
Construction	9,500	9,700	10,100	28,700	29,600	29,300	3,300	3,200	3,900
Trans., Comm., & Util.	10,000	10,200	10,100	28,300	28,200	26,900	4,300	4,400	4,700
Trade	45,800	45,700	45,400	134,200	133,800	135,100	13,500	14,100	13,600
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	9,900	10,000	9,700	29,100	29,000	28,600	4,400	4,400	4,600
Services & Misc.	35,900	36,100	35,600	114,300	114,600	110,500	13,400	13,700	12,800
Government	38,700	38,600	38,400	64,900	64,100	62,400	21,000	21,400	20,800

Trade recorded its largest increase since April, as 6,100 jobs were added in October. The largest increase occurred in general merchandise stores, as holiday hiring began. Food stores gained 3,800 positions over the month. The largest reduction in trade was a seasonal decline of 5,700 in eating and drinking places.

Employment in services rose by 4,300, with moderate decreases only in hotels and other lodging places and amusement, including motion pictures. An estimated 1,500 jobs were created in educational services as private schools and colleges completed staffing. Another 2,200 new hires were reported in other services and miscellaneous, as some child day care centers reopened following temporary layoffs, legal services hired part-time help, and fraternities, sororities and parent-teacher groups recorded seasonal increases. Following two months of small declines, mining gained 1,900 positions over the month. This sector is currently 3,500 above its October 1986 level.

Only three major nonmanufacturing sectors lost jobs between September and October. Construction employment registered the largest decrease, falling 1,900. This decline, however, was not as large as the previous month's, when 3,700 jobs were deleted. The contraction of 1,600 in finance, insurance and real estate was concentrated in the other finance, insurance and real estate portion, where banking declined by 800 and real estate dropped 600 in October.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT 1/
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	Oct.'87*	Sep.'87**	Oct.'86**
HOUSTON 2/			
TOTAL	1,385.8	1,375.9	1,384.6
Manufacturing	153.0	151.2	149.5
Mining	64.4	63.8	66.0
Construction	83.7	84.8	89.5
Trans., Comm., & Util.	90.5	90.3	92.8
Trade	349.6	347.9	357.7
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	95.8	97.1	101.1
Services & Misc.	356.2	353.6	339.4
Government	192.6	187.2	188.6
LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			
TOTAL	64,500	64,400	65,600
Manufacturing	15,000	15,000	14,900
Mining	3,700	3,600	3,600
Construction	2,800	2,900	3,100
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,100	3,100	3,100
Trade	17,000	16,900	17,500
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,000	3,000	3,400
Services & Misc.	11,500	11,600	11,600
Government	8,400	8,300	8,400
MIDLAND			
TOTAL	44,400	44,100	44,500
Manufacturing	2,900	2,900	3,100
Mining	9,200	9,000	9,000
Construction	1,600	1,600	1,700
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,100	2,100	2,200
Trade	10,800	10,800	10,600
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,700	2,700	2,900
Services & Misc.	8,800	8,800	8,700
Government	6,300	6,200	6,300
SAN ANTONIO			
TOTAL	497,300	495,200	495,500
Manufacturing	46,500	46,200	48,400
Mining	2,500	2,500	2,700
Construction	31,100	31,900	33,800
Trans., Comm., & Util.	18,100	18,100	18,300
Trade	132,300	131,600	129,300
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	39,100	39,300	38,600
Services & Misc.	117,900	117,600	115,900
Government	109,800	108,000	108,500
TYLER			
TOTAL	59,600	59,500	61,400
Manufacturing	10,800	10,800	11,100
Mining	1,900	1,900	1,800
Construction	2,500	2,600	2,900
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,700	2,700	2,700
Trade	15,900	15,900	16,800
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,600	3,500	3,700
Services & Misc.	13,200	13,300	13,600
Government	9,000	8,800	8,800
WICHITA FALLS			
TOTAL	50,200	50,400	49,700
Manufacturing	8,000	8,200	8,000
Mining	2,000	2,000	2,000
Construction	2,000	2,000	2,000
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,600	2,600	2,600
Trade	12,500	12,500	12,200
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,400	2,400	2,400
Services & Misc.	11,200	11,200	11,100
Government	9,500	9,500	9,400

Industry	Oct.'87*	Sep.'87**	Oct.'86**
KILLEEN-TEMPLE			
TOTAL	68,800	68,900	68,500
Manufacturing	8,600	8,700	8,700
Mining	100	100	100
Construction	3,700	3,700	3,600
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,600	2,600	2,800
Trade	16,200	16,400	16,500
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,900	2,900	3,100
Services & Misc.	14,400	14,400	13,900
Government	20,300	20,100	19,800
LUBBOCK			
TOTAL	91,600	91,500	92,100
Manufacturing	7,500	7,500	7,700
Mining	300	300	300
Construction	2,700	2,700	3,500
Trans., Comm., & Util.	4,500	4,500	4,500
Trade	28,400	28,300	28,300
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	5,400	5,300	5,600
Services & Misc.	20,800	21,000	20,700
Government	22,000	21,900	21,500
ODESSA			
TOTAL	44,600	44,400	43,700
Manufacturing	3,700	3,700	3,700
Mining	6,800	6,700	6,000
Construction	2,300	2,300	2,500
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,100	2,100	2,100
Trade	13,200	13,200	13,100
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,700	1,600	1,700
Services & Misc.	7,300	7,300	7,200
Government	7,500	7,500	7,400
SHERMAN-DENISON			
TOTAL	38,400	38,000	38,200
Manufacturing	11,300	11,200	11,000
Mining	100	100	200
Construction	1,700	1,700	1,900
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,100	2,100	2,100
Trade	8,700	8,700	8,900
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,500	1,400	1,500
Services & Misc.	7,900	7,800	7,500
Government	5,100	5,000	5,100
VICTORIA			
TOTAL	28,200	28,300	28,300
Manufacturing	3,200	3,200	3,100
Mining	1,800	1,900	1,700
Construction	2,000	1,900	2,000
Trans., Comm., & Util.	1,400	1,400	1,500
Trade	7,900	8,000	7,900
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,500	1,500	1,600
Services & Misc.	5,800	5,900	6,000
Government	4,600	4,500	4,500

Industry	Oct.'87*	Sep.'87**	Oct.'86**
LAREDO			
TOTAL	35,500	35,100	34,900
Manufacturing	1,800	1,900	1,800
Mining	2,300	2,200	1,700
Construction	1,200	1,200	1,400
Trans., Comm., & Util.	4,100	4,100	3,800
Trade	9,900	9,800	10,400
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,600	1,600	1,600
Services & Misc.	6,100	6,000	6,000
Government	8,500	8,300	8,200
MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION			
TOTAL	91,400	89,500	87,700
Manufacturing	13,200	12,200	12,300
Mining	900	900	1,200
Construction	4,400	4,400	4,500
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,900	2,900	2,800
Trade	26,100	25,900	25,600
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,700	3,700	3,900
Services & Misc.	14,100	13,900	13,800
Government	26,100	25,600	23,600
SAN ANGELO			
TOTAL	36,600	36,700	36,800
Manufacturing	6,000	6,000	5,800
Mining	600	600	600
Construction	1,700	1,700	2,000
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,100	3,100	3,200
Trade	9,200	9,200	9,300
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,800	1,800	1,700
Services & Misc.	7,800	7,900	7,600
Government	6,400	6,400	6,600
TEXARKANA			
TOTAL	45,100	45,100	45,300
Manufacturing	7,300	7,300	7,300
Mining	--	--	--
Construction	1,500	1,600	1,700
Trans., Comm., & Util.	1,700	1,700	1,800
Trade	11,200	11,300	11,000
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,900	1,900	1,900
Services & Misc.	9,100	9,100	9,000
Government	12,400	12,200	12,600
WACO			
TOTAL	79,100	78,200	78,700
Manufacturing	15,000	15,000	14,800
Mining	100	100	100
Construction	3,800	3,900	3,900
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,400	3,400	3,500
Trade	19,400	19,200	19,200
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	4,800	4,700	4,800
Services & Misc.	20,000	19,700	19,900
Government	12,600	12,200	12,500

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1/ Estimates prepared by TEC in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.
2/ In Thousands.

TEXAS NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY ESTIMATES 1/

Industry	Oct. 1987*	Sep. 1987**	Oct. 1986**	Change From Sep. 1987	Change From Oct. 1986
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT±	6,565,800	6,524,700	6,533,700	41,100	32,100
Manufacturing	974,100	970,500	952,200	3,600	21,900
Durable Goods	567,100	563,600	551,200	3,500	15,900
Lumber & Wood Products	36,700	36,400	37,400	300	-700
Logging Camps, Sawmills, Planing Mills	7,000	7,000	7,300	0	-300
Furniture & Fixtures	18,600	18,300	18,100	300	500
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	44,900	44,700	46,300	200	-1,400
Concrete, Gypsum & Plaster Products	19,300	19,300	20,900	0	-1,600
Primary Metal Industries	28,800	28,800	28,100	0	700
Fabricated Metal Industries	76,600	75,800	75,700	800	900
Fabricated Structural Metal Products	37,800	37,300	38,500	500	-700
Machinery, Except Electrical	106,400	105,900	104,600	500	1,800
Oil Field Machinery	24,500	24,500	24,900	0	-400
Electric & Electronic Equipment	124,000	123,400	119,700	600	4,300
Transportation Equipment	95,500	95,000	86,000	500	9,500
Aircraft & Parts	53,800	53,500	48,900	300	4,900
Instruments & Related Products	22,200	22,300	22,000	-100	200
Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries	13,400	13,000	13,300	400	100
Nondurable Goods	407,000	406,900	401,000	100	6,000
Food & Kindred Products	99,300	100,200	98,400	-900	900
Meat Products	29,000	28,900	27,500	100	1,500
Dairy Products	4,900	5,000	5,000	-100	-100
Bakery Products	11,600	11,000	11,300	600	300
Malt Beverages	3,000	3,200	3,100	-200	-100
Textile Mill Products	4,300	4,400	4,100	-100	200
Apparel & Other Finished Textile Products	51,500	51,300	50,400	200	1,100
Paper & Allied Products	24,300	24,000	23,000	300	1,300
Printing & Publishing	76,700	76,200	76,400	500	300
Newspaper, Periodicals, Books & Misc. Publ.	38,300	38,200	38,400	100	-100
Chemicals & Allied Products	74,100	74,900	73,900	-800	200
Petroleum & Coal Products	32,900	32,500	33,900	400	-1,000
Petroleum Refining	29,600	29,300	30,600	300	-1,000
Leather & Leather Products	7,900	7,700	7,300	200	600
Other Nondurable Goods	36,000	35,700	33,600	300	2,400
Total Nonmanufacturing	5,591,700	5,554,200	5,581,500	37,500	10,200
Mining	194,300	192,400	190,800	1,900	3,500
Metal & Coal & Nonmet. Mnrls., Exc. Fuel	10,200	10,200	10,500	0	-300
Oil & Gas Extraction	184,100	182,200	180,300	1,900	3,800
Construction	368,500	370,400	399,200	-1,900	-30,700
Transportation & Public Utilities	382,600	382,700	374,800	-100	7,800
Railroad Transportation	20,800	20,800	21,600	0	-800
Transportation, Except Railroads	201,500	201,300	190,700	200	10,800
Transportation by Air	58,100	57,400	50,100	700	8,000
Communication, Exc. U. S. Postal Service	84,800	84,700	85,700	100	-900
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	75,500	75,900	76,800	-400	-1,300
Electric Services	41,400	41,500	42,800	-100	-1,400
Gas Production & Distribution	26,900	27,100	26,900	-200	0
Wholesale & Retail Trade	1,669,600	1,663,500	1,679,200	6,100	-9,600
Wholesale Trade	412,400	412,300	420,000	100	-7,600
Retail Trade	1,257,200	1,251,200	1,259,200	6,000	-2,000
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	43,100	43,900	46,100	-800	-3,000
General Merchandise Stores	178,000	172,400	167,000	5,600	11,000
Food Stores	237,700	233,900	237,000	3,800	700
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	131,900	131,900	137,400	0	-5,500
Apparel & Accessory Stores	76,900	76,200	81,900	700	-5,000
Eating & Drinking Places	401,100	406,800	399,000	-5,700	2,100
Other Retail Trade	188,500	186,100	190,800	2,400	-2,300
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	435,300	436,900	443,800	-1,600	-8,500
Banking	95,100	95,400	101,500	-300	-6,400
Insurance Carriers, Agents & Brokers	136,600	136,500	135,900	100	700
Other Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	203,600	205,000	206,400	-1,400	-2,800
Services	1,382,100	1,377,800	1,370,900	4,300	11,200
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	84,200	84,900	86,600	-700	-2,400
Personal Services	81,700	81,000	80,900	700	800
Business & Repair Services	361,400	360,700	366,800	700	-5,400
Amusement, Including Motion Pictures	51,400	51,800	53,600	-400	-2,200
Health Services	392,000	391,700	375,900	300	16,100
Educational Services	77,200	75,700	72,500	1,500	4,700
Other Services & Miscellaneous	334,200	332,000	334,600	2,200	-400
Total Government	1,159,300	1,130,500	1,122,800	28,800	36,500
Total Federal Government	192,900	193,400	191,700	-500	1,200
Total State Government	253,800	245,200	236,600	8,600	17,200
Total Local Government	712,600	691,900	694,500	20,700	18,100

1/ Estimated number of nonagricultural jobs in Texas without reference to place of residence of workers. ±Estimates of TEC in cooperation with Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor

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TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

	Oct. '87*	Sep. '87**	Oct. '86**	Oct. '87*	Sep. '87**	Oct. '86**	Oct. '87*	Sep. '87**	Oct. '86**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	57,000	56,900	55,800	103,600	104,200	100,000	443,500	443,400	434,100
Total Unemployment	4,000	4,500	5,400	5,900	6,700	6,300	26,100	29,500	25,100
Percent Unemployed	7.0	7.9	9.7	5.7	6.4	6.3	5.9	6.7	5.8
Total Employment 2/	53,000	52,400	50,400	97,700	97,500	93,700	417,400	413,900	409,000
	BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR			BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	162,900	164,300	164,400	84,000	84,100	81,700	96,200	96,800	94,300
Total Unemployment	17,100	20,200	21,600	7,000	8,300	8,600	12,700	14,000	13,700
Percent Unemployed	10.5	12.3	13.1	8.3	9.9	10.5	13.2	14.5	14.5
Total Employment 2/	145,800	144,100	142,800	77,000	75,800	73,100	83,500	82,800	80,600
	BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS 3/		
Total Civilian Labor Force	60,300	58,000	58,200	165,600	167,100	167,100	1,453.9	1,454.4	1,435.7
Total Unemployment	2,800	3,200	3,600	16,200	19,500	21,300	84.9	98.3	83.0
Percent Unemployed	4.6	5.5	6.2	9.8	11.7	12.7	5.8	6.8	5.8
Total Employment 2/	57,500	54,800	54,600	149,400	147,600	145,800	1,369.0	1,356.1	1,352.7
	EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY		
Total Civilian Labor Force	237,000	241,200	232,700	693,600	694,300	663,600	108,000	111,000	107,600
Total Unemployment	23,500	27,500	26,700	41,900	48,100	43,800	10,500	12,300	12,300
Percent Unemployed	9.9	11.4	11.5	6.0	6.9	6.6	9.7	11.1	11.4
Total Employment 2/	213,500	213,700	206,000	651,700	646,200	619,800	97,500	98,700	95,300
	HOUSTON 3/			KILLEEN-TEMPLE			LAREDO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	1,627.1	1,630.1	1,620.5	95,000	95,700	90,400	45,600	45,900	44,600
Total Unemployment	123.2	147.2	170.7	7,000	8,200	7,000	5,800	6,700	7,100
Percent Unemployed	7.6	9.0	10.5	7.4	8.6	7.7	12.7	14.6	15.9
Total Employment 2/	1,503.9	1,482.9	1,449.8	88,000	87,500	83,400	39,800	39,200	37,500
	LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK			MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION		
Total Civilian Labor Force	80,400	81,000	80,800	114,600	115,000	112,900	151,400	149,200	146,300
Total Unemployment	7,300	8,600	9,400	6,200	7,400	7,500	25,300	28,000	28,600
Percent Unemployed	9.1	10.6	11.6	5.4	6.4	6.6	16.7	18.8	19.5
Total Employment 2/	73,100	72,400	71,400	108,400	107,600	105,400	126,100	121,200	117,700
	MIDLAND			ODESSA			SAN ANGELO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	51,700	51,800	52,100	56,700	57,200	59,300	46,300	46,400	46,100
Total Unemployment	3,600	4,300	6,100	4,500	5,500	9,900	2,600	2,900	3,300
Percent Unemployed	7.0	8.3	11.7	7.9	9.6	16.7	5.6	6.3	7.2
Total Employment 2/	48,100	47,500	46,000	52,200	51,700	49,400	43,700	43,500	42,800
	SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON			TEXARKANA		
Total Civilian Labor Force	614,500	613,700	592,200	50,700	50,700	49,600	58,200	58,200	57,100
Total Unemployment	45,000	50,600	44,400	3,500	4,100	4,000	4,400	4,700	4,600
Percent Unemployed	7.3	8.2	7.5	6.9	8.1	8.1	7.6	8.1	8.1
Total Employment 2/	569,500	563,100	547,800	47,200	46,600	45,600	53,800	53,500	52,500
	TYLER			VICTORIA			WACO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	76,900	77,300	77,300	38,600	39,100	38,500	96,400	95,400	93,100
Total Unemployment	5,800	7,000	7,100	2,900	3,400	3,900	7,300	7,900	7,500
Percent Unemployed	7.5	9.1	9.2	7.5	8.7	10.1	7.6	8.3	8.1
Total Employment 2/	71,100	70,300	70,200	35,700	35,700	34,600	89,100	87,500	85,600
	WICHITA FALLS						STATE OF TEXAS 3/		
Total Civilian Labor Force	58,300	58,800	57,200				8,409.4	8,429.9	8,294.8
Total Unemployment	3,900	4,600	4,700				618.2	717.3	739.6
Percent Unemployed	6.7	7.8	8.2				7.4	8.5	8.9
Total Employment 2/	54,400	54,200	52,500				7,791.2	7,712.6	7,555.2

1/ All estimates shown are "actual" (not seasonally adjusted).
2/ Includes resident wage and salary workers, self-employed, unpaid family workers and domestics in private households, agricultural workers, and workers involved in labor-management disputes.
3/ In Thousands.
*Preliminary -- subject to revision. **Revised.

HOURS AND EARNINGS IN TEXAS*

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Oct.± 1987	Sep. 1987	Oct. 1986	Oct.± 1987	Sep. 1987	Oct. 1986	Oct.± 1987	Sep. 1987	Oct. 1986
				FOR TEXAS					
MANUFACTURING TOTAL	$ 413.97	$ 415.58	$ 396.20	41.9	41.6	41.1	$ 9.88	$ 9.99	$ 9.64
Durable Goods	408.37	406.43	388.10	42.1	41.6	41.2	9.70	9.77	9.42
Lumber & Wood Products	287.29	287.94	272.00	41.1	40.9	40.0	6.99	7.04	6.80
Furniture & Fixtures	260.58	265.34	256.00	40.4	39.9	40.7	6.45	6.65	6.29
Stone, Clay & Glass Prods.	398.90	389.08	380.06	43.5	42.2	42.8	9.17	9.22	8.88
Primary Metal Industries	448.33	427.28	410.01	41.9	40.5	39.5	10.70	10.55	10.38
Fabricated Metal Products	381.12	375.91	359.48	42.3	41.4	40.3	9.01	9.08	8.92
Machinery, exc. Electric	424.11	417.83	406.31	42.2	41.7	41.0	10.05	10.02	9.91
Oil Field Machinery	486.17	485.90	449.40	43.1	42.4	39.7	11.28	11.46	11.32
Electric & Electronic Equip.	448.32	453.02	416.37	43.4	42.9	42.1	10.33	10.56	9.89
Transportation Equipment	525.42	530.46	520.67	41.7	42.1	42.4	12.60	12.60	12.28
Instruments & Related Prod.	361.01	358.90	335.02	40.7	40.1	39.6	8.87	8.95	8.46
Misc. Manufacturing Inds.	267.11	264.88	288.29	38.6	38.5	41.6	6.92	6.88	6.93
Nondurable Goods	420.58	426.21	405.32	41.6	41.5	40.9	10.11	10.27	9.91
Food & Kindred Products	346.51	346.90	336.61	41.9	42.1	41.0	8.27	8.24	8.21
Meat Products	282.01	289.25	263.06	42.6	42.6	40.1	6.62	6.79	6.56
Malt Beverages	879.81	804.49	786.64	49.4	45.4	46.3	17.81	17.72	16.99
Textile Mill Products	308.42	303.26	310.46	43.5	43.2	44.8	7.09	7.02	6.93
Apparel & Other Text. Prods.	203.83	190.21	186.79	37.4	34.9	36.2	5.45	5.45	5.16
Paper & Allied Products	465.65	464.34	442.37	43.6	42.6	42.7	10.68	10.90	10.36
Printing & Publishing	388.05	402.98	391.84	39.0	40.5	39.5	9.95	9.95	9.92
Chemicals & Allied Products	665.95	680.90	627.50	43.3	44.1	42.6	15.38	15.44	14.73
Petroleum & Coal Products	665.55	679.76	646.71	43.7	44.4	42.8	15.23	15.31	15.11
Petroleum Refining	688.01	701.71	677.10	43.6	44.3	43.1	15.78	15.84	15.71
Leather & Leather Products	224.80	204.52	203.86	39.3	34.2	37.2	5.72	5.98	5.48
Other Nondurable Goods	394.85	415.40	382.19	45.7	45.9	44.7	8.64	9.05	8.55
NONMANUFACTURING									
Mining	473.18	476.01	489.60	40.1	39.9	40.8	11.80	11.93	12.00
Met/Coal/Nonmet Mnrls. exc. Fuel	563.65	542.24	496.76	45.9	43.8	41.5	12.28	12.38	11.97
Oil & Gas Extraction	466.87	470.84	490.01	39.7	39.6	40.8	11.76	11.89	12.01
Commun., exc. U. S. Postal Service	500.05	503.35	487.52	40.1	40.3	39.7	12.47	12.49	12.28
Elec., Gas & San. Services	446.35	451.93	422.41	39.5	40.1	39.7	11.30	11.27	10.64
Wholesale & Retail Trade	225.34	229.78	223.62	32.1	32.5	31.9	7.02	7.07	7.01
Wholesale Trade	385.33	384.33	379.82	39.4	38.9	39.4	9.78	9.88	9.64
Retail Trade	178.20	184.81	175.53	29.9	30.7	29.6	5.96	6.02	5.93
General Merchandise Stores	175.69	190.45	185.17	26.7	28.9	28.4	6.58	6.59	6.52
Banking	258.44	258.08	264.70	36.4	36.4	37.6	7.10	7.09	7.04

HOURS AND EARNINGS FOR SELECTED TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

DALLAS									
Manufacturing	$ 409.63	$ 408.78	$ 391.11	42.1	41.5	41.3	$ 9.73	$ 9.85	$ 9.47
Durable Goods	434.59	433.75	421.73	43.2	42.4	42.3	10.06	10.23	9.97
Nondurable Goods	364.91	365.48	341.02	40.1	39.9	39.7	9.10	9.16	8.59
FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON									
Manufacturing	412.05	400.99	406.02	41.0	40.3	41.6	10.05	9.95	9.76
Durable Goods	437.22	422.99	426.12	40.9	40.4	41.9	10.69	10.47	10.17
Nondurable Goods	347.73	343.94	353.33	41.2	39.9	40.8	8.44	8.62	8.66
HOUSTON									
Manufacturing	493.19	493.24	469.37	43.8	44.0	42.4	11.26	11.21	11.07
Durable Goods	417.41	411.87	398.89	43.8	43.4	41.9	9.53	9.49	9.52
Nondurable Goods	576.85	581.17	550.84	43.8	44.5	42.9	13.17	13.06	12.84
SAN ANTONIO									
Manufacturing	308.74	305.96	296.61	40.2	40.1	40.3	7.68	7.63	7.36
Durable Goods	337.16	336.07	324.01	39.9	40.2	40.1	8.45	8.36	8.08
Nondurable Goods	279.05	274.80	270.54	40.5	40.0	40.5	6.89	6.87	6.68

*Figures for Texas and selected areas cover Production Workers in Manufacturing and Mining Industries only and Nonsupervisory Employees in other industry divisions. Earnings' averages include premium pay for overtime, holidays, and for late-shift work. ±Preliminary -- subject to revision upon receipt of additional reports.
SOURCE: Texas Employment Commission in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor.

Minor gains and losses within transportation and public utilities left this sector down by 100 in October. The largest of these was a decrease of 400 in electric, gas and sanitary services. Transportation, except railroads, increased by 200 over the month.

Almost all of the 3,600 additional jobs in manufacturing in October were generated by durable goods industries, as nondurable goods managed a gain of only 100. Within durable goods, the increases were moderate, but fairly widespread. Fabricated metal industries added 800 jobs, as some firms required help for seasonal inventory. Electric and electronic equipment increased by 600, and nonelectrical machinery and transportation equipment each registered 500 hires. The only decline in durable goods occurred in instruments and related products, which lost 100 jobs over the month.

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Two fairly sizeable decreases in nondurable goods virtually nullified several smaller gains. The largest decline was in food and kindred products, where 900 jobs were cut, due mainly to a seasonal layoff in preserved fruits and vegetables. Chemicals and allied products lost 800 positions in October, as agricultural chemicals registered a seasonal decrease. These declines were offset by smaller growth scattered through nondurable goods sectors. Employers in printing and publishing created 500 jobs, petroleum and coal products increased by 400, and paper and allied products gained 300 positions. Other nondurable sectors recorded minor additions or losses.

HOURS RISE, EARNINGS DECLINE

For the 629,700 manufacturing production workers in Texas, average weekly hours increased by 0.3 hour between September and October to 41.9 hours, while average hourly earnings decreased by 11¢ to $9.88 for the same time period, resulting in a drop in average weekly earnings of $1.61 to $413.97. The weekly earnings decline was the first since June, and only the second month-to-month dip recorded this year.

Compared to October 1986, the current hours and earnings totals were relatively favorable, with advances in average weekly hours of 0.8 hour, average hourly earnings of $.24 and average weekly earnings of $17.77.

TEC ACTIVITIES

	Oct. 1987	Oct. 1986
Total Population	16,877,000	16,721,000*
% UI Covered Unemployment	2.0	2.7
UI Covered Employers	313,402	314,752
Total Claims Actions	589,430	906,579
Total Initial Claims Actions	71,052	99,543
Total Cont'd. Claims Actions	518,378	807,036
Avg. Weekly Benefit Amount	$154.61	$157.39
Total Amount Paid (Net)**	$67,144,358	$114,868,504
Total Placements	31,729	28,584

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